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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, beginning on line 5 and ending on line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the present invention the hydrophobic interaction is an adsorption reaction wherein the stable hydrophobic nitroxyl radicals are selectively adsorbed onto a solid adsorbent exhibiting hydrophobicity, wherein the adsorbent consists of a highly porous synthetic resin such as a polyacrylic resin or a polystyrene resin, particularly those resins selected from the group XAD-2, XAD-4, XAD-8, XAD-11, XAD-16, XAD-30, XAD-1180 and mixtures thereof. These Amberlite ® XAD resins are available from Sigma, USA and Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA.